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this, then the Government referred such cases to the Tribunal. The result of this is that there have been a number of lock-outs in the hotel industry in the City of Madras. So, will the Government consider the advisability of referring all the disputes, existing and apprehended, in the hotel industry in Madras to the Tribunal? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member knows that the correct procedure is conciliation and then adjudication. I do not know what other remedy the hon. Member suggests."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On what basis do the Government come to a conclusion regarding the reference of a dispute to a Tribunal? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" When an industrial dispute arises, it is generally referred for conciliation, and if the Government feel that there is a case made out and if the other party does not agree to the conciliation then we refer the matter to a Tribunal."

SRI LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" Are these workers referred to in the question, affiliated to the All-India Trade Union Congress or the All-India National Trade Union Congress? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Union that has raised the question in the present case is a socialist-sponsored organisation, viz., the Madras State Labour Union."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is the dispute still continuing and if so, may I know whether it has caused any dislocation to the consumers of that locality? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no dislocation to the consumers. But the dispute has not yet been finally settled and the Government are taking one more chance and hope that conciliation will succeed."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAY :—" The Hon. Minister has not answered a previous question, viz., why there was delay of four months in initiating conciliation proceedings in spite of the fact that the Union concerned had made a protest? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid I cannot answer the question straightaway. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I may be able to answer."

Sanction of advances to district boards.

* 217 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the district boards have been requesting the Government for temporary advances to enable them to meet their normal expenditure pending adjustments of their normal annual receipts ; and

(*b*) if so, what the action taken by Government thereon is?

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes. Some district boards which have been unable to meet their current expenditure in the course of the year have been applying for advances from State funds.

" (b) Subject to availability of funds, necessary advances were sanctioned up to the end of 1951–52 to such of the district boards as were actually in need of the advances and were found able to repay the advances in a reasonable period. The application of a district board for advance is pending receipt of certain particulars called for."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" In view of the unsatisfactory position obtaining in many of the district boards, and in view of the fact that many of them cannot meet their legitimate expenditure from their own funds, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to pass early orders sanctioning the advances on individual requests of the district boards, wherever the finances of the board concerned are sound? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" If any district board could repay in a reasonable time, advances will be given. If not, subject to availability of funds, grants in respect of dearness allowance to which they are eligible will be paid to the district boards."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" May I know whether any application has been received from the Cuddapah District Board for advance and if so, what action has been taken? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY :—" Are the Government aware that the elementary school teachers of the South Kanara District Board were not paid in time for several months in 1952 and were put to great hardship on account of the delay in granting the advances to the District Board and, if so, may I know whether the Government will be prompt at least in future? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I will enquire into the matter."

SRI N. MAHALINGAM :—" May I know the names of the district boards which have asked for advances? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I require notice."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" In view of the financial difficulties of so many district boards, as was shown by the questions and statements of the hon. Members, will the Government take up the question of abolition of these boards? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is a policy to be considered and decided."